

every possible case. Full discretion has been given to the officers concerned. It does not seem desirable to enlarge the scope of these rules, but individual cases, if brought to notice, will be considered.

99. Speedy disposal of criminal cases.

*Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon, B. A., B. L., (Parur)* in whose name this subject stood withdrew it.

100. Undesirability of allowing extradition warrants issued from the British courts to be executed whether the accused is really guilty or not.

*Mr. M. Narayana Panicker (Ampalapuzha)* in whose name this subject stood also withdrew it.

101. Desirability of giving right of appeal to complainants in criminal cases ending in acquittal.

*Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi (Taluk Association, Kalkulam)* who had brought up this subject also withdrew it.

102. Supply of copies of judgments simultaneously with their pronouncement in criminal cases where the accused are punished with rigorous imprisonment.

*Mr. K. Padmanabhan Tampi (Taluk Association, Kalkulam)* observed that at present copies of judgments even when rigorous imprisonment was awarded as punishment were furnished to the prisoners only after the calendar was sent, while the parties convicted were at once taken over for hard labor. As no fees were charged for the grant of copies in such cases, the member thought it would be desirable to supply copies of judgments not later than 2 or 4 hours after pronouncement of judgment, to enable the prisoners to obtain early relief in a court of appeal.

*Reply.*—This is not feasible. A copy can be furnished only after the pronouncement of judgment and the number of hours within which this could be done cannot be fixed in all cases alike, as it will depend upon the length of the judgment, the number of the accused convicted, the time of the day when the judgment is pronounced and other considerations. Section 276 of the Criminal Procedure Code lays down that copies of judgments should be given to prisoners without delay. Dates of application and grant are entered in the copies furnished and any undue delay if reported to the authorities will be taken notice of.

103. Desirability of recruiting Sub-magistrates from practising lawyers instead of from the Huzur Cutcherry clerks.